

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	)	Confirmation No. 3382
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND	)	
METHOD OF FABRICATING THE	)	Date: November 21, 2006
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**AMENDMENT AFTER APPEAL PURSUANT TO § 41.33(b)**

**MAIL STOP APPEAL BRIEF – PATENTS**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on August 21, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: